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Dear Friend

I do not and never will in an anti-slavery paper urge whig principles as such, but merely show the connection, where I see clearly that it exists, of any and every party with slavery. Surely, my Friend, you can see that nearly all the party appointments, elections and laws for half a century nearly have hinged on slavery. I wish as a faithful sentinel say this, if I am shot for it. Wherever I can discover that the federalists or the whigs, their successors, have been subservient to the slaveocracy, I have exposed and will expose them frankly & fearlessly.



Had I been the "bigoted whig" that Joshua Jesuit describes, should I have said the federalists were anti-slavery "by position" and not from principle? I should have stated the effect, and omitted any allusion to the cause. We must in this country let every man be the keeper of his own conscience, unless he is a candidate for the presidency. I stick to it that Webster's speech was an important anti-slavery hearing; tho I do not answer the cavils of "E." It has excited the Southerners as I supposed it would. One motive, which I had was to make Webster hear on Clay. Clay would see in that speech a design of Webster to reinstate himself in the position of 1836; when he denounced



the scheme of annexing Texas and  
proclaimed the abolitionists as con-  
scientious & unsuppressible. If Clay  
thinks that Webster's weight is to  
lean on the side of abolition, he  
will change his position, so as  
to stand one side or the other of  
Mason & Dixon's line, and no  
longer try to bestride it. Do  
you know that he  
has written to Giddings  
endorsing "Pacifism?"

The Texan question, if  
pressed, as it will be, is destined  
to do a great work for us. It will  
derange all the present arrange-  
ments. It will make Clay the  
exclusive candidate either of  
the North or the South. Then  
where will Lib Party be? If Clay  
goes for Texas J. Q. A. or W. will  
be the Northern candidate, and  
then comes the try of war. You



know the most of "the Menister matter"  
but I am the most impartial. I am  
surprised that you saw no difference  
between us and the "pealers" except our  
opinions. You must look at it again  
Send me by the package my poor  
document. I'll keep it to show you

Send this back. L. L. L.

Marion to Chapman

Copy of D. L. Child  
to enquire on the  
part of J. J. W. C.  
& D. L. Child as to what  
extra sum would  
be needed for the  
Washington Mission  
(Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> / 43)  
Boston

"I told you so" as the old woman said  
of the cow. In answer to your question  
as to Washington, I should say \$500.  
I shall have to employ somebody to  
examine the exchanges, and do, (under some  
advice here) all that relates to selections  
and intelligence. Ever Yrs D L Child